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April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair House Appropriations Committee H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$250,000 for the Portage County Adult Probation Department's Probationers Offered Work, Empowerment, Re-direction (POWER) Program in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Portage County Adult Probation Department, located at 203 West Main Street, 3rd Fl, Ravenna, OH 44266.

The POWER Program works to expand services to formerly incarcerated people. These funds would be used to uphold the mission of the Portage County Adult Probation Department of enhancing the potential of formerly incarcerated people to become productive, law-abiding members of the community. Specifically, funds would support programming such as how to obtain and retain employment, complete an apprenticeship program, obtain short-term housing, and acquire a valid driver's license in addition to providing high school equivalency assistance, healthcare assistance, and professional counseling. Not only will this program help its participants, but employers with job vacancies will also benefit. In light of the ongoing labor shortage and importance of reducing recidivism, this project is a good use of taxpayer funds.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan

Member of Congress

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